

Local heroic fire fighters raise £52k for charity in London Marathon



(Image: @LondonFire)

Our local heroes, London fire fighters from the North Kensington Red Watch have completed the London Marathon, successfully raising more than £52,000 for Kids On The Green, a volunteer organisation which offers free counselling to survivors and witnesses, as well as activities such as art therapy and entertainment, including discos.

Also, a team of nine fire fighters from Red Watch at Paddington station ran the marathon in fire fighting gear, including breathing apparatus.

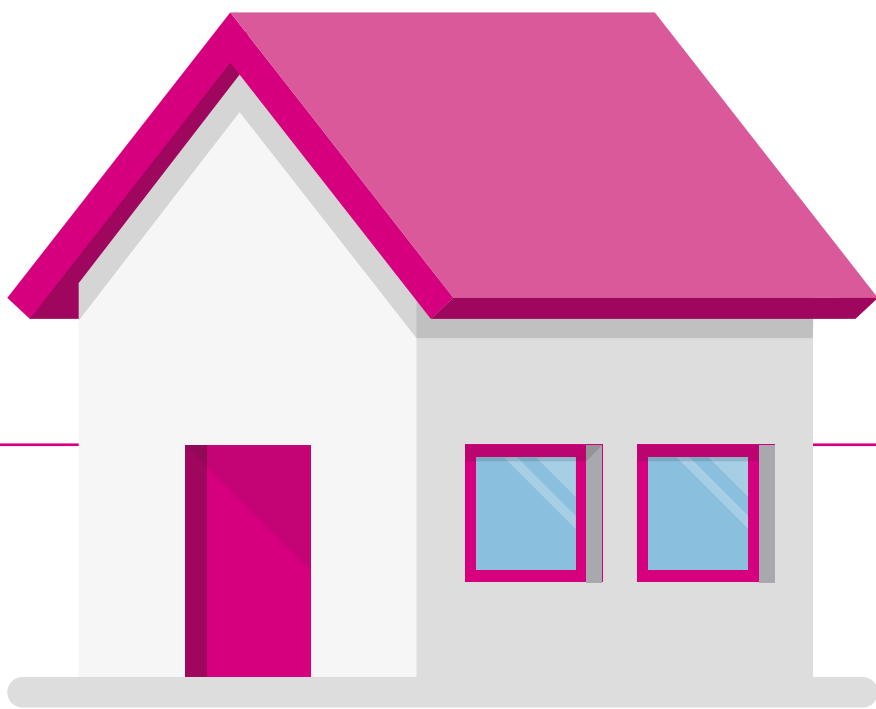
They have raised more than £96,000 for three charities helping those affected by the tragedy: Harrow Club W10, Rugby Portobello Trust, and the Fire Fighters Charity.

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The Council would like to give our fire fighters the warmest congratulations for an incredible undertaking which symbolises their commitment to our local community.

We would also like to show our gratitude to these heroes, who strive to keep our community safe, risking their lives to protect ours.



Rent compensation for Walkways, Bramley House, Treadgold House and Verity Close residents to be extended

The Council has agreed to extend the rent and service charge compensation period from **30 April 2018** to **31 May 2018** to residents who are living at home on the Walkways. The compensation continues to be set at 50 per cent of rent and service charges to tenants, and 50 per cent of service charges to leaseholders.

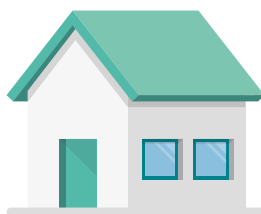
Residents of Bramley House, Treadgold House and Verity Close will also continue to receive compensation equal to 15 per cent of rent and service charges, up to **31 May 2018**.

We continue to make good progress on Estate improvements. However there is still more to do. This includes the opening up of the rubbish chutes, which is now due to be completed in May, while a working door intercom is expected to be up and running by Summer.

Additional fire safety work is still ongoing. The fire safety work so far includes the installation of fire curtains and fire doors. The bulk of fire safety work has been completed. Fire Marshals are still on site.

You may have also received copies of the ideas booklet for the refurbishment of the Estate. We are organising block meetings to agree the works to be carried out. The early works identified will begin during the Summer.

We have written to tenants and leaseholders with more information. If you require any more information, you can call **020 8206 7525**.



Employment support at The Curve

Do you need help with finding a job, writing a CV, or would like some employment support? Do you want to find different employment opportunities? If the answer is 'yes', Nova at The Curve can help. Nova, a job skills training provider who works with over 1400 residents in North Kensington, has helped people from all backgrounds to move forward with their skills, build confidence and support them find the right job.

As well as providing employment support, Nova run English and IT courses. They also have a family programme directly set up to help Grenfell families, including family activities and trips.

Alexander Coackley is one of the employment advisers. He says: "We're delighted to be holding regular training sessions at The Curve Community Centre and we would really encourage the local community to join us for our informative and fun English language and IT courses".

For more information on what courses are available please visit novanew.org.uk or visit The Curve Community Centre.



Update on last week's edition of the newsletter

In last week's edition of this newsletter we reported on an individual offering support at The Curve Community Centre. This was an error, we removed the article

and resent the newsletter. We'd like to make clear that the person in question is not an approved or accredited volunteer or employee.

We would also like to stress that all staff at The Curve undergo DBS checks. The safety and well-being of residents that use the centre is our main priority.

Activities Programme at The Curve Community Centre

Saturday 28 April

- **9.30am–5pm** – Uprising youth workshop

Sunday 29 April

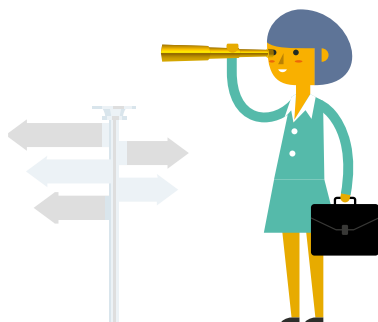
- **9.30am–5pm** – Uprising youth workshop

Monday 30 April

- **9.30am–3pm** – Early years activity
- **5pm–7pm** – Homework Club ages eleven–18 (drop in)
- **5.30pm–7.30pm** – Pre-ESOL English

Tuesday 1 May

- **9.30am–11.30am or 12.25pm–2.30pm** – ESOL – English language classes (please book by emailing: sakinah.touzani@westway.org)
- **10am–3pm** – Fouzia's Sewing Club: sew, stitch and knit
- **10.30am–12.30pm** – Helping children deal with loss (please book)
- **10.30am–12.30pm** – Job search workshops (drop-in)



The Crèche's opening hours are:
Monday and Tuesday:

10am–12pm, 1pm–3pm

Wednesday and Friday: **10am–5pm**

No crèche on Thursdays

The Crèche will be **closed** on **Monday 30 April** due to important staff training for all early years employees.

The Crèche is for parents attending appointments or courses at The Curve. Other Curve users are also able to use the crèche space when attending an event or activities. To book, please email: thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk



Wednesday 2 May

- **9.30am–10.30am** – MEND mini - healthy lifestyles programme for families. (drop in)
- **10am–12pm** – World Coffee Morning
- **10.30am–12.30pm** – Job search workshops
- **10am–1pm** – Felt making with Heather: individual projects: slippers, small bags and purses (please email flourish@acava.org to book)
- **2pm–4pm** – Drug and alcohol (drop-in)
- **4pm–4.45pm** – Healthy snack time for kids (please book)
- **5pm–7pm** – Homework Club, ages five–11 (drop-in)

Thursday 3 May

- **10.30am–11.30am** – Massage session (please email semira.hassen@rbkc.gov.uk to book)
- **10.30am–12.30pm** – Helping children deal with loss (please book)
- **12.30pm–2.30pm** – Mums and bumps session (please email semira.hassen@rbkc.gov.uk to book)
- **1pm–3pm** – ICT skills and pre-employment support (drop in)
- **4pm–4.45pm** – Healthy snack time for kids (please book)
- **4pm–6pm** – Young artists (ages five–11): for keen young artists looking to learn and develop their skills.

Friday 4 May

- **1pm–3pm** – Parent support drop-in
- **5.45pm–7pm** – Meditation and relaxation



The Curve Community Centre opening hours are **10am to 8pm Monday to Friday** and **11am to 6pm** on weekends.

Some sessions need to be booked in advance to secure your place, so

email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk and they will confirm your reservation by return.



For a full list of events visit grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events

Support services on offer

Anyone who would like to speak to the police in relation to the investigation into the fire is asked to contact the Met Police on **0800 032 4539**.

Important Contacts

Cruse Bereavement Care

Call the Freephone helpline on **0808 808 1677** or email helpline@cruse.org.uk.

The helpline is open **Monday-Friday** from **9.30am-5pm**. Extended hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, until 8pm.

Replacement UK passports, visas or immigration queries

Call our advice line on **0300 303 2832**. The line is open 24 hours.

Air quality and smoke exposure

If you have concerns about any symptoms, please see your doctor or call NHS **111**.

Housing support

If you have any questions about housing or want to find out who your housing officer is please call **0800 137 111** or **020 7361 3008**.

Victim support

Call **0808 1689 111** for practical and emotional support, or visit victimsupport.org.uk. The line is open 24 hours a day.

The Grenfell Muslim

Response Unit also offers additional support. Find out more by emailing info@gmru.co.uk

You can also get physical and mental support at **The Curve Community Centre**. Call **077 1223 1133**.

Hestia, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, and the Drug and Alcohol Service are based overnight at the **Notting Hill Methodist Church, Lancaster Road, from 10pm to 8am**. Pop in for a chat and support.

Housing update

Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk



We have committed £235 million to finding new homes for residents and have now secured 307 properties for families. We invite households to choose which properties they want to view from all those available on our Home Connections website. Households currently living in temporary accommodation provided by the Council or our partners, also have the option to make these properties their permanent home if they wish. For those households living in hotels and who wish to move into a temporary home, we will help to find private rented accommodation. We will help with furniture, bedding, crockery and cutlery, white goods and utilities.



Total number of households



Households in emergency accommodation



Households moved into accommodation

Temporary 64
Permanent 73



Accommodation offers accepted

Temporary 3
Permanent 88

These numbers are accurate as of 26 April 2018

Last chance to join MEND programmes at The Curve

Are you a family with a child aged two to four? Would you like some new ideas to tackle fussy eating, ideas for games to play with your children, or information around reading food labels?

Our Mind, Exercise, Nutrition... Do it! (MEND) programmes provide nutritional advice and guidelines, alongside fun games and activities.

There is a MEND mini programme running for families with children aged two to four years on the first floor at The Curve on **Wednesdays, 9.30am-10.30am. Wednesday 2 May** is the last chance to join this programme so please come and join us for some fun games and to try some new fruits and vegetables with our story character Sammy Ray!

Care for Grenfell

The Care for Grenfell team helps anyone who has been affected by the Grenfell tragedy and offers a single point of access to all Council services and support.

This phone line is open from **8am to 8pm** and also provides an out-of-hours service.

Call: **020 7745 6414** | Email: careforgrenfell@rbkc.gov.uk

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